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(54) Method and apparatus for drying a food granule slurry

(57) Water and wet food granules are fed to a perforated rotating barrel (230) in which the food granules move in a longitudinal direction, the barrel having separately controllable temperature zones (268,270,272,274), and a blower (222) for blowing air

past the food granules along a path that passes through perforations in the barrel (230), crosses an inner space within the barrel, and exists through perforations in the barrel.



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